

Leicester, July 24 '38.

Dear Mr Garrison;

93 I feel very greatly obliged to you, for the cause's sake, for consenting to go to the Fitchburg meeting; for I really feel that you will do a work there which nobody else can, and I know our young friend Heywood will feel much more at home and comfortable, in your company there, than with any other speaker. By & by, when he is a little more wonted to the cause, the field-work, & the platform, it will matter less to him who is with him. Now I feel all will go well. — I rejoice to hear of Mrs. C.'s visit to Mrs. Stone on his account, & that the mission was successful. I shall be desirous to learn particulars. —



Although I expect to be in Boston  
by Wednesday noon, yet I will write  
a few lines, in answer to yours of the  
20<sup>th</sup>. I am very glad to hear  
that you propose going to Vermont;  
I had a letter from N. R. Johnston  
about it some little time since, &  
immediately on receiving yours, I  
wrote to him as encouragingly as  
I could about his going forward.  
He had asked if the American Society  
would assume the expenses of the  
Convention. I had no authority  
to promise that, without consulting  
the Executive Committee, (which  
I shall seek an opportunity of doing,  
say on Friday next (30<sup>th</sup>)) - but I  
said they would certainly render  
him some assistance, and asked  
him to write me definitely just  
what <sup>the local expenses</sup> might be expected to be, and



to what extent Contributions, to meet these might be expected at the Convention. I shall hear from him Sabbath, on arriving in Boston. He (Johnston) wants Pillsbury & Remond, in addition to yourself & me. I think these are ~~would be~~ more than ~~are~~ <sup>would be</sup> necessary, for a 2 days' meeting, though one of them perhaps would be needed, certainly very acceptable. I name this now, that you may be thinking about it.

I told J. I would come, if the Comtee approved of the expenditure; and I think they will, as I need to be a little better acquainted with Vermont, as the stands affected to our Cause.

I am sorry that Franky is so poorly - the rest we hope are better. Mr. May said she wanted to have Fanny come and see us here, & had asked Mr. G. to let her come. Will not she return with me here,



after our 1<sup>st</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup>. celebration? We should all be glad to have ~~you~~ make us a visit.

Would it not be well to have a meeting in Boston on Sunday Evng, Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>, at which Mr. Bleby and yourself should speak? — Or, would it be too hard upon both of you to ask you to speak on that day, when you are <sup>to</sup> attending public meetings both the day before & the day after?

You see the family of our good Aaron Powell have met with a severe bereavement, in the loss of his younger brother. He seems to have been a most promising boy, and their trial must be a severe one. They would greatly prize, I know, a letter of sympathy from you. I fear Aaron is but poorly himself.

Truly Yrs, J. May Jr